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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 17, 2003. No extension fee is due. However, any fees needed for this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340 and, in the event this paper is not timely filed, then consider this paper as a petition for an appropriate extension of time.

Claims deemed allowable are put into condition for allowance. Claim 1 and rejected claims depending from claim 1 are argued for below. The amendments to claim 1 are discussed in the Remarks.

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**Amendments to the Drawing** begin on page 12.

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